(b) The anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 925 crore and an expenditure of Rs. 51 crore has been incurred upto March, 2005. An outlay of Rs. 25 crore has been provided for this work during 2005-06.

(c) No target date has been fixed for completion of this project.

Speed of trains in South Central Railways

1392. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trains in South Central Railways are exceeding safe speeds;

(b) if so, whether a review will be done to correlate and fix the best possible speed and the track;

(c) what technical assistance has been sought by South Central Railways to study and fix appropriate speed for trains to enhance safety and reduce train derailments; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by Government to reduce derailments in South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Loss being suffered by Railways

†1393. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of annual loss being suffered by Railways at present;

(b) the steps being taken including advertisements by his Ministry to meet the loss;

(c) the amount being earned by Railways through advertisements at present; and

(d) the measures to be taken by Government to increase its income?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) At present, no loss is being suffered by Railways.

(c) During 2004-05 Railways have earned Rs. 50.21 crore from advertisements.

(d) To increase the revenue a number of steps have been taken like wagon investment scheme, liberalization of siding rules, development of rail-side warehousing complex through public-private partnership and freight concessions to attract additional traffic, running of special passenger trains, augmentation of trains services and coaches, unreserved ticketing system, internet reservations, commercial utilization of land etc.

Doubling of Ghaziabad-Dehradun rail line

†1394. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for laying double railway tracks via Ghaziabad-Meerut-Muzaffarnagar-Roorkee-Haridwar-Dehradun;

(b) it so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Double line already exists between Ghaziabad-Meerut and Tapri-Saharanpur-Roorkee-Laksar sections. Surveys for doubling of Meerut-Tapri and Laksar-Haridwar-Dehradun sections have been taken up.

(c) Does not arise as the work is not sanctioned.

Development of Metro Stations as Mega Terminal

†1395. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for developing New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai

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